



WORLD SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP
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ABOUT THE WORLD SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

The World Singles Championship is bowling's most prestigious event for individual bowlers. Held every four years, this year's event will occur in Qatar at Doha Bowling Center.

146 men and women athletes from 50 countries will take part in the six day competition. For a full list of participating athletes and their countries please go to:

<http://2016wsc.worldbowling.org/participants/>

VENUE

Doha Bowling Center is owned by the Qatar National Olympic Committee (QNOC) and run by the Qatar Bowling Federation (QBF). QBF features 32 synthetic bowling lanes and automatic pin setters with Qubica automatic scoring. The center was renovated in 2006 to serve as the bowling venue for the Asian Games. Since this, the center has become the home for several local and international bowling tournaments including the World Bowling Tour's Qatar Bowling Open and The H.H. Emir Cup, the GCC Bowling Tournament and the home of bowling for the Arab Games.

HISTORY

Originally developed as part of the Championship calendar that holds one event for adult athletes every year, this smaller scale Championship was created to allow smaller cities the possibility to host a world event. The championship is conducted every fourth year with the first event occurring in Limassol, Cyprus in 2012. 71 male and 57 female athletes from 40 different nations competed in Cyprus with USA athletes Chris Barnes and Kelly Kulick taking out the top prizes.

For a full list of World Bowling Championship events and our selected host cities please see:

<http://www.worldbowling.org/events/championships/>

COPETITION FORMAT (see below)

CONDITIONS

The lane pattern category will be Medium with the specific lane pattern to be announced on Friday, December 2nd at the Team Manager's Meeting.



QUALIFICATION

Each of World Bowling's 112 National Federations are invited to select their four best athletes (two men and two women) to represent their country in the competition. Each National Federation determines their own qualification system to ensure that their best male and female athletes are selected.

The following countries and athletes will be competing at the World Bowling Women's Championships: <http://2016wsc.worldbowling.org/participants/>

MATCH SCHEDULE

The match schedule can be viewed at: <http://2016wsc.worldbowling.org/schedule/>

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The World Singles Championships are run under the World Tenpin Bowling Association Statutes and Playing Rules.

Playing Rules Chapter 2, Format Chapter 5, WC Principle rules Chapter 4

Please see here for the full list of World Bowling statutes and rules:

<http://www.worldbowling.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/WTBA-Statutes-and-Playing-Rules-2015-06-01.pdf>

OFFICIALS

Championship Director **Kevin Dornberger**

Host Tournament Manager **Abdul Salam Abbas**

Technical Delegate Marios Nicolaides (Cyprus)

LOGOS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

To request the World Bowling logo and event photographs please Megan Tidbury via megan@worldbowling.org

WHERE TO WATCH

Online scoring: Link to be announced on <http://2015wwc.worldbowling.org>

Results : <http://2016wsc.worldbowling.org/results/>

Livestreaming: [youtube.com/user/worldbowling](https://www.youtube.com/user/worldbowling)

Host Broadcaster: TBA



Highlights: youtube.com/user/worldbowling

Social Media: Follow @/worldbowling & #qatarworldsingles for live updates and competition news on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook

COMPETITION FORMAT

Step 1: All bowlers will bowl 12 games – in three blocks of 4 games each - to determine their seeding. In due time before the start of the championships, the Tournament Director will decide the number of squads and the number of lanes in use for each squad.

Step 2: The top 32 bowlers will advance and bowl according to the bracket below:

| Group A | Group B | Group C | Group D |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 32 | 31 | 30 | 29 |

If there is a tie for any of the positions 1-32 then a one ball roll off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.

Each qualifying group shall bowl eight qualifying games over 4 adjacent pair of lanes, in one block.

Each player in the qualifying group shall bowl against every other player in the group every game. Points shall be awarded on the following basis:

The highest scoring player in each game shall be awarded 7 points, the second highest scoring shall be awarded 6 points, the third highest 5 points etc. down to the eighth highest, who will receive 0 points.

If there is a tie in a game the points will be awarded on the following basis;



The points available to the tied players shall be added together and then divided by the number of players that have tied.

(Example: If there is a tie between 3 players at positions 3, 4 and 5, the sum of points for the three players is 12 (5+4+3 points), which divided by 3 will give each player 4 points.)

Top 2 from the point standing of each group will advance to Step 3.

If there is a tie for position 2 in a group, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.

The 8 players in step 3 will play 8 games in one group with a system as specified above.

Top 4 players from the point standing of each this group will advance to the Semi Finals, seeded 1-4. If there is a tie for position 4 in the group, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.

If there is a tie for any other qualifying position, the highest qualified player is the player with the highest pin fall in Step 3, if there is still a tie, a 9th and 10th frame roll off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.

The player seeded one from Step 3 shall play a one game match against the player seeded four, and the player seeded 2 shall play a one game match against the player seeded 3, with the higher ranked players having choice of starting lane. The losers of both matches will receive bronze medals.

The winners from shall play a one game match for the Championships, with the higher ranked player having the choice of starting lane. The winner of this match will receive a gold medal, and the loser a silver medal.

In case of a tie in the semi-final or final, a one ball roll-off will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.

The players will be positioned on the lanes, where they ended the game. The highest seeded player will choose the order of play. For a second roll off delivery, the players will switch lanes and order of deliveries. A third roll off delivery will be played like the first roll off delivery etc.

